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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated November 20, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-14 and 16-39.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 2 months to and including April 20, 2008 is being made herewith.

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